



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 374A
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
Wednesday, December 15, 2010**

1:00 PM

The meetings are open to the public. Before addressing the Commission, a request to address the Commission must be submitted in person to Commission Staff.

The Commission may limit public input on any item based on the number of people requesting to speak and the business of the Commission. Public comment should not exceed THREE minutes for each speaker.

A member of the public has the right to address the Commission on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Neal, 2nd Vice President James, Treasurer Teran, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Weller, Commissioner Wright and Commissioner Chang

Absent: Commissioner Mustelier-Parrish and Commissioner Welt Narro

Excused: Vice President Troost, Commissioner Gureckas and Commissioner Rubenstein

1. Meeting to be called to order by President Janet Neal.

The meeting was called to order by President Neal at 1:11 p.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of remaining balance in the amount of \$90.01 for refreshments provided at the Installation Ceremony on July 21, 2010, which exceeded the \$300.00 amount previously approved at the meeting of June 16, 2010. (10-2869)

On motion of 2nd Vice President James, seconded by Commissioner Weller, this item was approved.

3.

Recommendation to approved the donation of \$300.00 to William Kidston for his photography services at the Access Awards Luncheon held on October 18, 2010. (10-3075)

On motion of Commissioner Weller, seconded by 2nd Vice President James, this item was approved.

4. Approval of Minutes from the meeting of November 17, 2010. (10-3090)

On motion of Commissioner Weller, seconded by 2nd Vice President James, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

5. President's report as submitted by the Month of November.

President Neal introduced newly appointed Commissioner Steve Miller who is representing the Fifth Supervisorial District. She attended a public forum on "Access and Functional Needs Annex of the Operational Area Emergency Response Plan". The mission of the plan is to reduce the potential for loss of life and property from disasters for all populations, including those with access and functional needs. President Neal stated her concern that State Commissioners were not included in the original language of the plan because it's been referred to "Access and Functional Needs". She feels the language written on the plan should be reflected as "People with Disabilities". She also mentioned that Angela Davis, Outta Sight Trio, Gloria Zendejas and one of Janet's planet sponsors attended the KTYM Disability Network Radio Program.

Her verbal report was received and filed.

6. Report submitted by Community Service Committee.

This item was taken off calendar.

7. Transportation Committee Report including discussion of paratransit complaints.

President Neal reported another paratransit van parked in a disabled parking.

After discussion, no action was taken.

8. Report by Giovanna Gogreve, Operations Analyst of Access Services.

Mr. Burns reported Access Services has "zero tolerance" policy when an employee tests positive on a drug or alcohol test. Employees who test positive are fired and are not kept in employment even if they go through Substance Abuse Professional Program. FTA regulations do require that anyone who has tested positive must be referred by the employer to a Substance Abuse Professional Program where substance abuse counseling would take place. However, it is solely the responsibility of the fired employee to attend and complete class. Mr. Burns further mentioned that there are four reports with Access Services on drivers parked on disabled parking. Disciplinary action will be taken on the drivers who do not follow the guidelines.

After discussion, no action was taken.

9. Report on Access Board Meeting attended by Kurt Hagen Access Board Representative.

Rhonda Rangel, Commission Services Staff, gave a verbal report submitted by Access Services. There has not been an ASI Board meeting since the last Commission meeting; therefore, there is nothing to report.

Access Services Report was received and filed.

10. Report by Chip Hazen, ADA Compliance Officer for Los Angeles County Transportation Authority.

This item was taken off calendar.

11. Report from Angela Davis J.D., Acting Senior Deputy, Disability Civil Rights of the Office of Affirmative Action Compliance. (Continued from the meeting of November 17, 2010.) (10-2707)

This item was taken off calendar.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the Posted Agenda (to be Presented or Placed on the Agenda of a Future Meeting)

Discussion on the language written on the Emergency Response Plan which reflects the population with access and functional needs. Extend invitation to County Sheriff's Department representative to discuss the revenue received from traffic tickets to the County.

Discuss special education programs in the City of Los Angeles School District.

Extend invitation to City of Los Angeles representative to discuss the City's budget cuts.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Phyllis Coto, Robert Coto, C.R. Cochrane and Linda Kirsten Addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of December 15, 2010.

On motion of Commissioner Weller, seconded by Commissioner Chang, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.